## <u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

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## CATALYTIC CONVERTERS STOLEN FROM VEHICLES

**WARRENTON** – The theft of catalytic converters from vehicles that has plagued the Washington, D.C. area lately has come to Fauquier County. Two car dealerships and a private residence are the latest victims.

Sheriff's deputies have recently taken reports from two car dealers in the New Baltimore area and from a private residence on Rt. 29/James Madison Highway just south of Warrenton. At the private residence the victim vehicle was parked for sale at the end of a driveway alongside Rt. 29.

The vehicles at dealerships were parked on the lot, video at one of the dealerships captured the suspects in the dark early morning hours. The suspects used a Sawzall type tool to cut the catalytic converters from the exhaust systems under these vehicles.

Anyone with information regarding these crimes is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 540-347-3300. <a href="https://youtu.be/1wKC1XvDBGE">https://youtu.be/1wKC1XvDBGE</a>

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